

California Student Aid Commission

Cal Grant

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California Student Aid
Commission*





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Making education beyond high school financially accessible to all Californians.



Today's Agenda

- Cal Grant Basics
- Student Eligibility Requirements
- Cal Grant Programs
- Payments, Reports & Forms
- Resources
- Questions?



Cal Grant Basics

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Cal Grant Program



- 1955: State Scholarship Program (Cal Grant A)
- 1969: College Opportunity Grant (Cal Grant B)
- 1973: Occupational Education and Training Grant (Cal Grant C)
- 2001: Became an entitlement program (SB 1644)

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Cal Grant Basics

- Cal Grant is a State Grant
- For use in undergraduate studies, vocational programs, teacher credential programs
- For use at Cal Grant Eligible Institutions only
- School of attendance and grant type determine award amount



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Cal Grant Application Process

FAFSA/Dream App

- Submit online or paper form
- Student must list an Eligible Cal Grant school* on their financial application
- Must complete the FAFSA or Dream App for year the student is applying

*Eligible Schools List is accessed at the bottom of the CSAC Website

The image shows two overlapping application forms. The top form is the 'California Dream Act Application for AB 540 Eligible Students' for the 2014-2015 school year, dated July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. The bottom form is the 'FAFSA' (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for the 2014-2015 school year, dated July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Both forms contain various fields for personal information, financial data, and school selection.

Cal Grant Application Process

GPA Verification

- Schools may submit GPA electronically or paper forms may be mailed.
- GPAs may be submitted by two methods:
 - GPA Submission with SSN
 - Non-SSN GPA Submission
- Electronic submission is preferred – faster, more efficient.



Grade Point Averages (GPAs)

- GPAs submitted by high schools and colleges
- College GPAs calculated based on 24 - 36 completed units on unweighted 4.00 scale





Re-Established GPAs

- For a student with at least 16 units but no more than 23 units at a California Community College
- Used to qualify for Competitive Cal Grant B award





Cal Grant Application Deadlines

March 2nd

- Students attending any Cal Grant Eligible School can apply
- Cal Grant A, B, and C awards granted
- Entitlement and Competitive awards

September 2nd

- Only for California Community Colleges (CCC)
- Students must be *enrolled* in the CCC by Sept. 2nd to be considered
- Cal Grant A and B awards granted
- Competitive awards only

Student Eligibility Requirements

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Eligibility Requirements

Federal Requirements and Additional Cal Grant Requirements

*U.S. Citizen or Eligible non-citizen

Meet Selective Service
Requirements

*Have a Social Security Number

Maintain Satisfactory Academic
Progress

Not owe a grant repayment or be in
default on a student loan

Not be incarcerated

Not have earned a bachelors
degree

*California Resident

Attend an eligible California college
or university

Be enrolled at least half-time

High School GPA (Entitlement)

*** These requirements are
supplanted by other
eligibility criteria for AB
540 students**





Financial Need Requirement

Financial Need Calculation:

$$\frac{\text{Cost of Attendance (COA)} - \text{Expected Family Contribution}}{\text{Unmet Financial Need}}$$

Cal Grant A

Must have a minimum financial need of at least the maximum Cal Grant A award amount + \$1,500

Cal Grant B

Must have a minimum financial need of at least \$700

Cal Grant C

Must have a minimum financial need of at least the maximum Cal Grant C award amount + \$1,500



Income and Asset Requirement

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FOR NEW CAL GRANT APPLICANTS

and

RENEWING CAL GRANT RECIPIENTS

2016-17 CAL GRANT PROGRAM INCOME CEILINGS		
	Cal Grant A and C	Cal Grant B
Dependent students and Independent students with dependents other than a spouse		
<u>Family size:</u>		
Six or more	\$104,600	\$57,500
Five	\$97,000	\$53,200
Four	\$90,500	\$47,600
Three	\$83,300	\$42,800
Two	\$81,300	\$38,000
Independent students		
Single, no dependents	\$33,200	\$33,200
Married, no other dependents	\$38,000	\$38,000

2016-17 CAL GRANT PROGRAM ASSET CEILINGS	
Dependent students ¹	\$70,000
Independent students	\$33,300

¹ This ceiling also applies to independent students with dependents other than a spouse.

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Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

Students must make SAP to receive Cal Grant funds:

- School determines SAP
- School must notify Commission of students not making SAP
- Commission sends a letter to the student
- After three consecutive terms, students withdrawn from program

Cal Grant Programs

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Cal Grant

- Cycle Types
 - Entitlement: Recent high school graduates and community college transfer students
 - Competitive: all other FAFSA applicants
- Grant Types
 - Cal Grant A
 - Cal Grant B
 - Cal Grant C



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High School Entitlement

- For current high school seniors or prior year high school graduates
 - For the 2016-17 AY, student must have graduated high school after July 1, 2015
- Awards Cal Grant A & B
- Must have verified high school GPA
 - or GED, SAT, ACT, HiSet, TASC score
- Unlimited awards





Transfer Entitlement

- For Community College transfers under the age of 28
- Must have a verified Community College GPA of at least 2.40
- Awards Cal Grant A and B
- Unlimited awards
- Graduated from a CA high school and be a resident



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Competitive Cycle

- Students who do not meet Entitlement criteria
- Cal Grant A, B, and C
- GPA must be submitted for Cal Grant A, B
- Dream Applicants not considered for Competitive Award
- Limited to 25,750 awards per year
 - 12,875 for March 2 Deadline
 - 12,875 for Sept 2 Deadline
 - Only for CCC students
- Scoring criteria used to rank and award students



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Cal Grant A

- Low to middle income students who:
 - 3.00 High School GPA, 2.40 College GPA
 - Have financial need
 - Meet the income and asset requirements
 - Associates or Bachelors programs only

CSU	UC	Independent*	For Profit^
\$ 5,472/yr	\$ 12,240/yr	\$ 9,084/yr	\$4,000/yr

* Private non-profit institutions and WASC accredited for-profit institutions

^ Non-WASC accredited for-profit institutions

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Community College Reserve Grant

- If student receives Cal Grant A but attends CCC first, award is “reserved” up to 2 years until student transfers to four-year college
- Must continue to qualify
- Submit school change in WebGrants for Students and let school know they have a reserve grant





Cal Grant B

- Low income students who:
 - 2.00 GPA minimum
 - Have financial need
 - Meet the income and asset requirements
 - Associates, Bachelors, and Certificate programs
- Annual Awards
 - \$1,656 stipend first year



Cal Grant C



- Low and middle income students who:
 - Meet the income and asset requirements
 - Have financial need
 - Enroll in vocational courses of study
 - Associates and Certificate programs only
 - Must complete C Supplement Form
- Annual Awards
 - Used for school expenses including tuition and fees \$547 to \$2,462

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Cal Grant C

- Two of the following must be met:
 - High employer need or demand
 - High employment growth or industry cluster
 - High employment salary and wage projections
 - Economic security
- Special consideration to long-term unemployed





Most Beneficial Grant Applied

- Can only receive one Cal Grant
- Considered for all awards applicable
- Awarded most beneficial award



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Renewing a Cal Grant Award

Automatic yearly renewal when qualifications are met:

- File a FAFSA or Dream Application
- Meet income/asset ceilings and financial need requirements
- A valid transaction must be posted in WebGrants
 - Payment
 - Leave of Absence or Less than Half-time status



Payments, Reports & Forms

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Cal Grant Term Advance

- CSAC may send a Term Advance to institutions at the start of each term
- Advance is a percentage of the previous year's reconciled term amount





Cal Grant Term Advance

Example of a 50% Term Advance:

- Spring 2015, City College reconciled \$150,000
- Spring 2016, CSAC sends a Spring Term Advance of \$75,000



50%



Cal Grant Supplemental Payments

Once the Term Advance is disbursed and additional payments are reported, supplemental funds are sent

Example:

- City College Spring 2016 advance \$75,000
- City College posted payments of \$100,000 total
- Supplemental funds of \$25,000

Supplemental funds are processed weekly



Two Ways to Report Payments

1. Post payments directly to the Cal Grant Roster in WebGrants

- Convenient
- Real-time. No waiting!
- Commonly used by smaller schools

2. Upload your Cal Grant Roster to WebGrants

- Easy payment reporting for hundreds or thousands of students
- Use your Financial Aid Management System (FAMS), to import and export Cal Grant Roster data to WebGrants
- Check “Help” menu of WebGrants for file specifications



Payment Status Codes

Pay Status Code

- **PD**- Paid Payment
- **NA**- Not in Attendance
- **SC**- School Change

What it does...

- School verifies student is eligible for the term payment printed on the roster
- Student is NOT in attendance; this code "hides" the student's record on the Roster and generates a letter to the student
- School is adding a student to their Roster and not reporting payment information



Payment Status Codes

Adjustment Code

- **FT, TT, and HT-** Attending Full Time, $\frac{3}{4}$, or $\frac{1}{2}$ eligible for pay
- **OF, OT, OH-** Student receiving outside funding and attending Full, $\frac{3}{4}$, and Half Time

When to use it...

- When student is attending Full Time, $\frac{3}{4}$, or Half Time and is eligible for the maximum payment for their enrollment status
- When a student is NOT eligible for a maximum Cal Grant payment due to outside scholarships, grants, etc. and is attending Full, $\frac{3}{4}$ time, and Half Time



Payment Status Codes

Adjustment Code

- **LA-** Student taking Leave of Absence
- **LH-** Student attending less than half time
- **FI-** Student's financial aid file is incomplete

When to use it...

- When student's enrollment status is active, but not enrolled/registered for that term
- When student is not attending with at least 6 or more units
- When student cannot receive Cal Grant disbursement until they have completed all necessary requirements (provide tax doc's, complete form, etc.)



Codes to be mindful of...

The following codes will withdraw the student's
Cal Grant Award

- **LD-** Recipient in Default Loan
 - **IG-** Ineligible for Grant
 - **NP-** Recipient has Unsatisfactory Academic Progress
- When a student owes in Grant Refund/in Loan Default
 - When a student is in an ineligible instructional program for Cal Grant A, B, C
 - When a student is not making Satisfactory Academic Progress



Reports

School ID = Acad Year = 2014-2015 Month = All
Report = All Media Type = All

Report Date <input type="button" value="v"/>	Description	Media Type	Month	
11-SEP-14	NON-SSN GPA School Unmatched Report	Report	SEP	<input type="button" value="Retrieve File"/>
11-SEP-14	NON-SSN GPA Roster Report	Report	SEP	<input type="button" value="Retrieve File"/>
11-SEP-14	Non-SSN GPA Status Report	Data File	SEP	<input type="button" value="Retrieve File"/>
11-SEP-14	Non-SSN GPA Status Report	Report	SEP	<input type="button" value="Retrieve File"/>
11-SEP-14	GPA Summary	Report	SEP	<input type="button" value="Retrieve File"/>
09-SEP-14	Grant Roster	Data File	SEP	<input type="button" value="Retrieve File"/>
09-SEP-14	E2 Verification	Data File	SEP	<input type="button" value="Retrieve File"/>
08-SEP-14	Chafee Need Analysis Report	Report	SEP	<input type="button" value="Retrieve File"/>
08-SEP-14	Chafee Status Roster By School	Report	SEP	<input type="button" value="Retrieve File"/>
06-SEP-14	HS Grad Date Verification	Data File	SEP	<input type="button" value="Retrieve File"/>
06-SEP-14	California Dream Act Correction ISIRs	Data File	SEP	<input type="button" value="Retrieve File"/>
05-SEP-14	Accept/Reject	Report	SEP	<input type="button" value="Retrieve File"/>
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Reports

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Report Download

- ✦ To download or display a report or data file click on the Retrieve File button.
- ✦ All data columns can be sorted either ascending or descending order by clicking on the blue column headings.
- ✦ To compare two roster files, select Grant Roster for Report and Data File for Media Type.
- ✦ To delete uploaded Audit Files, select Audit File for Report and the Delete checkbox column will appear.

School ID = Acad Year = 2015-2016 Month = All
Report = All Media Type = All



Reports

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Accept/Reject Report

- Provides confirmation for each transaction submitted
- Failed transactions will be in the Rejected Section

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ACADEMIC YEAR 2011

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6785:		GONZALEZ	ELIDA		10/28/2011	C	U	C	0	0	B&S	FL	288.00		PD
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		ACEVEDO	WILFARDO	J	10/28/2011	C	U	B	0	0	ACC	FL	776.00		PD
		ACEVES	GENY	V	10/28/2011	C	U	B	9389	0	ACC	FL	388.00		HT
		ACEVES	RICARDO		10/28/2011	C	U	B	0	0	ACC	FL	776.00		PD
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		AGUILERA	ANA	J	10/28/2011	C	U	B	0	0	ACC	FL	776.00		PD
		ALBARRANSALINAS	MARIA	G	10/28/2011	C	U	C	0	0	B&S	FL	288.00		PD
		ALBRIGHT	MEGAN	R	10/28/2011	C	U	B	0	0	ACC	FL	776.00		PD



Monthly Payment Activity Report

- Cal Grant
'Bank
Statement'
- Reconciled
student
payments you
have made
- Year-To-Date
activity by
term and
payment type

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DATE	ACTIVITY	FUNDS DISBURSED TO INSTITUTION	PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS	BALANCE	
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08-23-11	FALL ADVANCE	141,653.00		141,653.00	
08-26-11	FALL RECONCILED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS		0.00	141,653.00	
09-02-11	FALL RECONCILED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS		0.00	141,653.00	
10-07-11	FALL RECONCILED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS		0.00	141,653.00	
10-28-11	FALL RECONCILED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS		260,346.00	-118,693.00	
10-28-11	RECONCILED PAYMENT TO INSTITUTION	118,693.00		0.00	
11-04-11	FALL RECONCILED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS		704.00	-704.00	
11-04-11	RECONCILED PAYMENT TO INSTITUTION	704.00		0.00	
11-18-11	FALL RECONCILED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS		1,374.00	-1,374.00	
11-18-11	RECONCILED PAYMENT TO INSTITUTION	1,374.00		0.00	
TOTAL FUNDS DISBURSED / TOTAL PAYMENTS		262,424.00	262,424.00		

	FALL	WINTER	YEAR-TO-DATE ACTIVITY		SUMMER	TOTAL
			SPRING			
CAI/F	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
CBT/F	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
CBACC	255,692.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	255,692.00
CBTOTAL	255,692.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	255,692.00
CCT/F	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
CCB/S	6,732.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	6,732.00
CCTOTAL	6,732.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	6,732.00
GFT/F	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
TOTAL	262,424.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	
GRAND TOTAL						262,424.00

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Important News

October 1, 2016

The 2017-18 FAFSA application opens October 1, 2016

The 2017-18 FAFSA season will begin on October 1, 2016 and end on March 2, 2017. This new process will extend the application period which previously opened on January 1st each year. In addition, on the 2017-18 FAFSA students will report income information from an earlier tax year, or "Prior, Prior Year (PPY)" Read more...




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OPERATIONS MEMO

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

STATE OF
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GOM 2014-22

July 11, 2014

TO: Financial Aid Administrators
High School Counselors

FROM: Catalina G. Mistler
Chief, Program Administration & Services Division

SUBJECT: 2014-15 Cal Grant Award Amount
Dream Act Renewals Eligible

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission provides an update on the award amount for the 2014-15 Cal Grant Award Amount and provides guidance regarding the Dream Act Renewals Eligible.

2014-15 Cal Grant Award Amount

SPECIAL ALERT

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

STATE OF
CALIFORNIA



GSA 2014-19

June 30, 2014

TO: Financial Aid Administrators

FROM: Catalina G. Mistler
Chief, Program Administration & Services Division

SUBJECT: Annual Renewal of WebGrants Access Forms

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) reminds institutions of the annual requirement to submit:

- WebGrants Information Security and Confidentiality Agreement (Confidentiality Agreement) and
- WebGrants System Administrator's Access Request Form (Access Request Form) to continue access to WebGrants.

The deadline to submit WebGrants access forms is July 31, 2014.



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